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Supervisor Haas Celebrates Construction Project “East Layton Washboard” Now a Smooth Ride

Supervisor Jason Haas is happy to announce a big step in fixing East Layton Avenue on Milwaukee's south side between South Howell Avenue and I-794. Sup. Haas nicknamed that stretch of road the “East Layton Washboard” because it was extremely bumpy.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation recently finished “diamond grinding” on Layton to smooth things out, and there is scheduled to be a complete re-paving of the area in the next year. Supervisor Haas coordinated the effort with the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation.

“I am happy people have a smooth ride along East Layton Avenue for the first time in years,” Supervisor Haas said. “The road was so bumpy I wouldn't drive on it unless I had to.”

Last year, Layton Avenue was used as a detour during the rebuilding of Interstate 43. That meant increased traffic on Layton, including semi-trucks that neighbors could hear driving down the street.

“The sound of semis clanging and clanking down the street was really difficult for people living nearby to put up with,” Supervisor Haas said. “It was negatively impacting their quality of life, and that's one big reason why I worked with County and State officials to take care of this problem.”

Diamond grinding involves removing a thin layer of a roadway using diamond saw blades. It is frequently used because it provides a smooth roadway and reduced road noise. WisDOT paid for this part of the project.

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